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BARRICADED SUSPECT

On June 18, 2001, at approximately 12:02 a.m., a cutting occurred at 6734 Spring Hurst, (SAPD Case 01-396855).

The preliminary investigation indicates that just after midnight, San Antonio Police responded to the 6700 block of Spring Hurst for a cutting in progress. As officers arrived they located a complainant with multiple stab wounds. EMS transported the complainant to University Hospital. The suspect barricaded himself inside 6734 Spring Hurst. Crisis Negotiators and S.W.A.T. officers responded. Throughout the night, Crisis Negotiators attempted to communicate with the suspect. The suspect refused to communicate and made no attempt to surrender to police.

At approximately 5:00 a.m. a chemical agent (gas) was used in an effort to bring the suspect outside and surrender. With no response from the suspect, S.W.A.T. officers made entry into the location. Shortly after entry was made, the suspect exited the house and surrendered to police.

The complainant is identified as 43 year old, Francisco Vasquez. He is at University Hospital in critical condition. He resides at 6734 Spring Hurst.

The suspect is identified as Herman Showers, 30 years old. He is charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Murder. He was taken to University Hospital for minor injuries he apparently received during the initial cutting and then booked into Bexar County Jail for Attempted Murder.

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